

Main Replication Code for “Self-Reported Political Ideology”

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### Set-up ----
## Clean the R environment and set the working directory
rm(list = ls())
setwd("~/Desktop/ideology-measure/replication")

## Load the required packages
library(tidyverse) # version 1.3.1

## Warning: package 'readr' was built under R version 4.0.5
## -- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --
## v dplyr      1.1.3      v readr      2.1.2
## v forcats   1.0.0      v stringr   1.5.0
## v ggplot2   3.4.3      v tibble    3.2.1
## v lubridate 1.9.3      v tidyr     1.3.0
## v purrr     1.0.2
## -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
## x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
## x dplyr::lag()    masks stats::lag()
## i Use the conflicted package (<http://conflicted.r-lib.org/>) to force all conflicts to beac

library(estimatr) # version 1.0.0
library(bootcorci) # version 0.0.0.9000
library(cowplot) # version 1.1.1

## Warning: package 'cowplot' was built under R version 4.0.2
##
## Attaching package: 'cowplot'
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:lubridate':
##
## stamp

library(texreg) # version 1.37.5

## Warning: package 'texreg' was built under R version 4.0.2
## Version: 1.37.5
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## Author:    Philip Leifeld (University of Essex)
##
## Consider submitting praise using the praise or praise_interactive functions.
## Please cite the JSS article in your publications -- see citation("texreg").
##
## Attaching package: 'texreg'
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:tidyr':
##
##   extract
library(grid)      # version 4.0.1
library(gridExtra) # version 2.3

##
## Attaching package: 'gridExtra'
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##   combine
library(extrafont) # version 0.17

## Registering fonts with R
library(ltm)      # version 1.2-0

## Warning: package 'ltm' was built under R version 4.0.5
## Loading required package: MASS
## Warning: package 'MASS' was built under R version 4.0.2
##
## Attaching package: 'MASS'
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##   select
##
## Loading required package: msm
## Warning: package 'msm' was built under R version 4.0.2
## Loading required package: polycor
## Warning: package 'polycor' was built under R version 4.0.5
library(quanteda) # version 3.2.0

## Warning: package 'quanteda' was built under R version 4.0.2
## Package version: 3.2.0

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## Unicode version: 13.0
## ICU version: 69.1
## Parallel computing: 8 of 8 threads used.
## See https://quanteda.io for tutorials and examples.
library(formattable) # version 0.2.1

## Warning: package 'formattable' was built under R version 4.0.2
##
## Attaching package: 'formattable'
##
## The following object is masked from 'package:MASS':
##
##     area

## Import the dataset
df <- read.csv("survey_data.csv")
nrow(df)

## [1] 5044

## Drop non-American respondents
df <- df %>% filter(citizen == 1)
nrow(df)

## [1] 4357

## Drop respondents whose survey completion time is less than 5 minutes
median(df$Duration..in.seconds., na.rm = T) / 60

## [1] 12.56667

df$more_than_five_mins <- ifelse(df$Duration..in.seconds. >= 5 * 60, "Yes", "No")

# We dropped 528 respondents, 409 of them did not complete the survey
# The sample size is ultimately n = 3828, as reported in main text
table(df$Finished, df$more_than_five_mins)

##
##      No  Yes
## 0  409  307
## 1  120 3521

df <- subset(df, more_than_five_mins == "Yes")
nrow(df)

## [1] 3828

### Recode sociodemographic variables ----
## Party identification (1 = strong Democrat; 7 = strong Republican)
df <- df %>% mutate(pid = case_when(
  pid1 == 1 & pid2d == 1 ~ 1,

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pid1 == 1 & pid2d == 2 ~ 2,
(pid1 == 3 | pid1 == 4) & pid2n == 2 ~ 3,
(pid1 == 3 | pid1 == 4) & pid2n == 3 ~ 4,
(pid1 == 3 | pid1 == 4) & pid2n == 1 ~ 5,
pid1 == 2 & pid2r == 2 ~ 6,
pid1 == 2 & pid2r == 1 ~ 7))
df$dem <- ifelse(df$pid >= 1 & df$pid <= 3, 1, 0) # (1 = Democrat)
df$gop <- ifelse(df$pid >= 5 & df$pid <= 7, 1, 0) # (1 = Republican)
df$indep <- ifelse(df$pid == 4, 1, 0) # (1 = independent)

## Race (1 = Black)
df$black <- ifelse(df$racial == 2, 1, 0)

## Gender (1 = female)
df$female <- ifelse(df$gender == 2, 1, 0)

## Education (1 = college graduate)
df$college <- ifelse(df$edu >= 5, 1, 0)

## Political knowledge (0 = least knowledgeable; 4 = most knowledgeable)
df$pol_correct1 <- ifelse(df$know1 == 1, 1, 0)
df$pol_correct2 <- ifelse(df$know2 == 4, 1, 0)
df$pol_correct3 <- ifelse(df$know3 == 2, 1, 0)
df$pol_correct4 <- ifelse(df$know4 == 2, 1, 0)
df$pol_know <- df$pol_correct1 + df$pol_correct2 + df$pol_correct3 + df$pol_correct4
df$sophis <- ifelse(df$pol_know >= 3, 1, 0) # (1 = politically sophisticated)

## Age
df$age <- df$yob + 11

## Income (0 = lowest; 16 = highest)
df$income <- ifelse(df$income == 88, NA, df$income - 1)

### Recode attitudinal variables ----
## Fiscal spending (1 = more services/spending; 7 = cut services/spending)
df$fiscal <- 8 - df$fiscal

## Government responsibility (1 = govt should see to jobs and standard of living;
## 7 = govt should let each person get ahead on own)
df$respon <- df$individual

### Recode ideology variables ----
## Political ideology (1 = extremely liberal; 7 = extremely conservative)
df <- df %>%
  mutate(ideo = case_when(
    randomizer == 1 | randomizer == 2 ~ leftright1,
    randomizer == 3 ~ leftright3,

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    randomizer == 4 ~ leftright4a)) %>%
  mutate(ideo2 = case_when(
    randomizer == 1 | randomizer == 2 ~ leftright1,
    randomizer == 3 ~ leftright3,
    randomizer == 4 ~ leftright4b))
df$liberal <- ifelse(df$ideo2 >= 1 & df$ideo2 <= 3, 1, 0) # (1 = self-id liberal)
df$conserv <- ifelse(df$ideo2 >= 5 & df$ideo2 <= 7, 1, 0) # (1 = self-id conservative)
df$moderate <- ifelse(df$ideo2 == 4, 1, 0) # (1 = self-id moderate)

## Ideological knowledge (0 = least knowledgeable; 4 = most knowledgeable)
df$ideo_correct1 <- ifelse(df$lib1 == 1, 1, 0)
df$ideo_correct2 <- ifelse(df$lib2 == 2, 1, 0)
df$ideo_correct3 <- ifelse(df$lib3 == 2, 1, 0)
df$ideo_correct5 <- ifelse(df$lib5 == 1, 1, 0)
df$ideo_know <- df$ideo_correct1 + df$ideo_correct2 + df$ideo_correct3 + df$ideo_correct5
table(df$ideo_know)

##
##    0    1    2    3    4
## 592 496 694 483 509

## Ideological knowledge after treating "Neither" responses to the second item as correct
## (0 = least knowledgeable; 4 = most knowledgeable)
df$ideo_correct2_alt <- ifelse(df$lib2 == 2 | df$lib2 == 3, 1, 0)
df$ideo_know_2 <- df$ideo_correct1 + df$ideo_correct2_alt + df$ideo_correct3 + df$ideo_correct5
table(df$ideo_know_2)

##
##    0    1    2    3    4
## 358 620 701 514 581

## Ideological knowledge after including the free trade question
## (0 = least knowledgeable; 5 = most knowledgeable)
df$ideo_correct4 <- ifelse(df$lib4 == 3, 1, 0)
df$ideo_know_alt <- df$ideo_correct1 + df$ideo_correct2 + df$ideo_correct3 +
  df$ideo_correct4 + df$ideo_correct5
table(df$ideo_know_alt)

##
##    0    1    2    3    4    5
## 401 586 702 487 522  76

### Define experimental groups ----
df <- df %>% mutate(group = case_when(
  randomizer == 1 | randomizer == 2 ~ 0, # control group
  randomizer == 3 ~ 1, # Add Definitions condition
  randomizer == 4 ~ 2)) # Subtract Labels condition
df$group <- as.factor(df$group)
df0 <- subset(df, group == 0) # create a subset for the control group

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df1 <- subset(df, group == 1) # create a subset for Add Definitions condition
df2 <- subset(df, group == 2) # create a subset for Subtract Labels condition

### Validate the measure of ideological knowledge ----
## Calculate Cronbach's alpha with the the trade item kept
df_ideo_know <- data.frame(df$ideo_correct1, df$ideo_correct2, df$ideo_correct3,
                          df$ideo_correct4, df$ideo_correct5)
df_ideo_know <- df_ideo_know[complete.cases(df_ideo_know), ]
cronbach.alpha(df_ideo_know) # reported in Appendix E

##
## Cronbach's alpha for the 'df_ideo_know' data-set
##
## Items: 5
## Sample units: 2774
## alpha: 0.512

## Calculate Cronbach's alpha with the free trade item dropped
df_ideo_know_alt <- data.frame(df$ideo_correct1, df$ideo_correct2,
                              df$ideo_correct3, df$ideo_correct5)
df_ideo_know_alt <- df_ideo_know_alt[complete.cases(df_ideo_know_alt), ]
cronbach.alpha(df_ideo_know_alt) # reported in main text

##
## Cronbach's alpha for the 'df_ideo_know_alt' data-set
##
## Items: 4
## Sample units: 2774
## alpha: 0.652

## Correlation between ideological knowledge and political knowledge (with SE)
cor.test.plus <- function(x) {
  list(x, Standard.Error = unname(sqrt((1 - x$estimate^2) / x$parameter)))
}
cor.test.plus(cor.test(df$ideo_know, df$pol_know)) # reported in Appendix F

## [[1]]
##
## Pearson's product-moment correlation
##
## data: df$ideo_know and df$pol_know
## t = 19.139, df = 2755, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: true correlation is not equal to 0
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.3092028 0.3751124
## sample estimates:
## cor
## 0.3425791
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##
## $Standard.Error
## [1] 0.01789909

## Visualize how ideological knowledge increases with political knowledge
# Create an empty data frame to store the results first
summary_ideo_know <- data.frame(matrix(NA, nrow = 5, ncol = 4))
colnames(summary_ideo_know) <- c("pol_know", "estimate", "lwr", "upr")
for (i in 1:5) {
  summary_ideo_know[i, 1] <- i - 1
}

# Obtain summary statistics for each level of political knowledge
temp <- df %>%
  group_by(pol_know) %>%
  summarize(mean_ideo_know = mean(ideo_know, na.rm = T),
            sd_ideo_know = sd(ideo_know, na.rm = T),
            n_ideo_know = n()) %>%
  mutate(se_ideo_know = sd_ideo_know / sqrt(n_ideo_know),
         lwr_ci_ideo_know = mean_ideo_know -
           qt(1 - (.05/2), n_ideo_know - 1) * se_ideo_know,
         upr_ci_ideo_know = mean_ideo_know +
           qt(1 - (.05/2), n_ideo_know - 1) * se_ideo_know)
for (i in 1:5) {
  summary_ideo_know[i, c(2:4)] <- c(temp$mean_ideo_know[i],
                                    temp$lwr_ci_ideo_know[i],
                                    temp$upr_ci_ideo_know[i])
}

## Plot the graph
ideo_know_pol_know <-
  ggplot(data = summary_ideo_know, aes(x = pol_know, y = estimate)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = position_dodge(),
          color = "black", fill = "grey80", width = .5) +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = lwr, ymax = upr),
               linewidth = .5, width = .1,
               position = position_dodge(.9), color = "black") +
  xlab("Political Knowledge") +
  ylab("Ideological Knowledge") +
  theme_bw() +
  theme(text = element_text(color = "black", size = 11, family = "Times"),
        axis.text = element_text(color = "black", family = "Times", size = 11)) +
  coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0, 4))
ideo_know_pol_know <- ideo_know_pol_know +
  annotate("label", x = 0.5, y = 3.5,
         family = "Times", label = "r = 0.34\nn(SE = 0.02)")

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summary_know[c(3, 6, 9, 12), 5] <- "Moderate"

## Percentage of correct responses to question 1 by self-reported ideology
# Liberal
temp <- prop.test(x = sum(df$ideo_correct1[df$liberal == 1], na.rm = T),
                  n = sum(!is.na(df$ideo_correct1[df$liberal == 1])),
                  correct = F)
summary_know[1, 2:4] <- c(temp$estimate, temp$conf.int[1], temp$conf.int[2])

# Conservative
temp <- prop.test(x = sum(df$ideo_correct1[df$conserv == 1], na.rm = T),
                  n = sum(!is.na(df$ideo_correct1[df$conserv == 1])),
                  correct = F)
summary_know[2, 2:4] <- c(temp$estimate, temp$conf.int[1], temp$conf.int[2])

# Moderate
temp <- prop.test(x = sum(df$ideo_correct1[df$moderate == 1], na.rm = T),
                  n = sum(!is.na(df$ideo_correct1[df$moderate == 1])),
                  correct = F)
summary_know[3, 2:4] <- c(temp$estimate, temp$conf.int[1], temp$conf.int[2])

## Percentage of correct responses to question 2 by self-reported ideology
# Liberal
temp <- prop.test(x = sum(df$ideo_correct2[df$liberal == 1], na.rm = T),
                  n = sum(!is.na(df$ideo_correct2[df$liberal == 1])),
                  correct = F)
summary_know[4, 2:4] <- c(temp$estimate, temp$conf.int[1], temp$conf.int[2])

# Conservative
temp <- prop.test(x = sum(df$ideo_correct2[df$conserv == 1], na.rm = T),
                  n = sum(!is.na(df$ideo_correct2[df$conserv == 1])),
                  correct = F)
summary_know[5, 2:4] <- c(temp$estimate, temp$conf.int[1], temp$conf.int[2])

# Moderate
temp <- prop.test(x = sum(df$ideo_correct2[df$moderate == 1], na.rm = T),
                  n = sum(!is.na(df$ideo_correct2[df$moderate == 1])),
                  correct = F)
summary_know[6, 2:4] <- c(temp$estimate, temp$conf.int[1], temp$conf.int[2])

## Percentage of correct responses to question 3 by self-reported ideology
# Liberal
temp <- prop.test(x = sum(df$ideo_correct3[df$liberal == 1], na.rm = T),
                  n = sum(!is.na(df$ideo_correct3[df$liberal == 1])),
                  correct = F)
summary_know[7, 2:4] <- c(temp$estimate, temp$conf.int[1], temp$conf.int[2])

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# Liberal
temp <- prop.test(x = sum(df$ideo_correct2_alt[df$liberal == 1], na.rm = T),
  n = sum(!is.na(df$ideo_correct2_alt[df$liberal == 1])),
  correct = F)
summary_know[4, 2:4] <- c(temp$estimate, temp$conf.int[1], temp$conf.int[2]) * 100

# Conservative
temp <- prop.test(x = sum(df$ideo_correct2_alt[df$conserv == 1], na.rm = T),
  n = sum(!is.na(df$ideo_correct2_alt[df$conserv == 1])),
  correct = F)
summary_know[5, 2:4] <- c(temp$estimate, temp$conf.int[1], temp$conf.int[2]) * 100

# Moderate
temp <- prop.test(x = sum(df$ideo_correct2_alt[df$moderate == 1], na.rm = T),
  n = sum(!is.na(df$ideo_correct2_alt[df$moderate == 1])),
  correct = F)
summary_know[6, 2:4] <- c(temp$estimate, temp$conf.int[1], temp$conf.int[2]) * 100

summary_know$question <-
  plyr::revalue(summary_know$question,
    c("Q2: Social Inst. and\nFree Market Are Better\n[Conservative]" =
      "Q2: Social Inst. and\nFree Market Are Better\n[Conservative/Neither]"))
ideo_correct_alt <-
  ggplot(data = summary_know,
    aes(x = question, y = estimate,
      color = `Self-Reported Ideology`,
      fill = `Self-Reported Ideology`)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = position_dodge(.9), color = "black") +
  scale_color_manual(values = c("grey50", "grey70", "grey90")) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("grey50", "grey70", "grey90")) +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = lwr, ymax = upr),
    linewidth = .5, width = .1,
    position = position_dodge(.9), color = "black") +
  xlab("") +
  ylab("Percentage of Correct Responses (%)") +
  theme_bw() +
  theme(text = element_text(color = "black", size = 12, family = "Times"),
    axis.text = element_text(color = "black", family = "Times", size = 11),
    legend.justification = c(1, 1),
    legend.position = c(1, 1),
    legend.background = element_blank(),
    legend.box.background = element_rect(color = "black"),
    legend.key.size = unit(1.5, "line"),
    legend.key.height = unit(0, "cm")) +
  coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0, 100))

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    upr_ci_lib_know = mean_lib_know +
      qt(1 - (.05/2), n_lib_know - 1) * se_lib_know)
summary_know2[3, c(2:4)] <- c(temp$mean_con_know[1], temp$lwr_ci_con_know[1],
  temp$upr_ci_con_know[1])
summary_know2[1, c(2:4)] <- c(temp$mean_lib_know[1], temp$lwr_ci_lib_know[1],
  temp$upr_ci_lib_know[1])
summary_know2[4, c(2:4)] <- c(temp$mean_con_know[2], temp$lwr_ci_con_know[2],
  temp$upr_ci_con_know[2])
summary_know2[2, c(2:4)] <- c(temp$mean_lib_know[2], temp$lwr_ci_lib_know[2],
  temp$upr_ci_lib_know[2])

## Plot the graph
ideo_con_lib_alt <-
  ggplot(data = summary_know2,
    aes(x = group, y = estimate,
      color = `Self-Reported Ideology`,
      fill = `Self-Reported Ideology`)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", position = position_dodge(.9), color = "black") +
  scale_color_manual(values = c("grey50", "grey90")) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("grey50", "grey90")) +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = lwr, ymax = upr),
    linewidth = .5, width = .1,
    position = position_dodge(.9), color = "black") +
  xlab("") +
  ylab("Average Number of Correct Responses") +
  theme_bw() +
  theme(text = element_text(color = "black", size = 12, family = "Times"),
    axis.text = element_text(color = "black", family = "Times", size = 11),
    legend.justification = c(1, 1),
    legend.position = c(1, 1),
    legend.background = element_blank(),
    legend.box.background = element_rect(color = "black"),
    legend.key.size = unit(1.5, "line"),
    legend.key.height = unit(0, "cm")) +
  coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0, 2))

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# Figure S19 in Appendix F
ideo_con_lib_alt

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## Combine into one graph
knowledge_by_group_alt <- plot_grid(p1, p2, p3, p4, p5, p6, p7, p8,
                                   labels = "AUTO", ncol = 2,
                                   label_fontfamily = "Times")

knowledge_by_group_alt <-
  ggdraw(add_sub(knowledge_by_group_alt,
                 "Ideological Knowledge (0 = least knowledgeable, 4 = most knowledgeable)",
                 vpadding = grid::unit(0, "lines"), y = 6, x = .52,
                 vjust = 4.5, fontfamily = "Times"))
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# Figure S20 in Appendix F
knowledge_by_group_alt
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